

## ECLCSTF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Relationships Matter</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Children benefit from the care and teaching of parents, families and other adults who have the knowledge and skills necessary to facilitate &amp; support their development</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Quality Matters</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Children benefit when every Idaho family has access to affordable, high quality early care &amp; learning opportunities.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Resources Matter</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Children benefit when Idaho has a comprehensive, coordinated early care and learning service delivery system to improve their opportunities to learn and grow into competent adults</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationships are essential between Families and Community</li> <li>• Strong relationships among community agencies are essential for a comprehensive coordinated system of service delivery; they may include child protection, law enforcement, judicial systems, child care, education, health, insurance, faith based institutions, and recreational programs</li> <li>• These relationships provide structure to protect children from harm, and to provide opportunities for them to reach their potential and live satisfying childhoods.</li> <li>• <i>Decision was made to add an early intervention piece (ask Mary)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professionals are accountable to the children, families and communities they serve</li> <li>• Goals that are developmentally and educationally significant direct the design and implementation of quality programs that support children as members of families, cultures and communities.</li> <li>• An effective system of curriculum, assessment, and program evaluation rests on a strong foundation of evidence and supports children of all abilities and differences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political will is developed to prioritize the importance of early care and learning</li> <li>• Collaboration and sharing of resources will provide efficiencies in the cost of delivering services</li> </ul>